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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3758
INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA
AMEMBASSY MANAGUA
AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR
AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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1. COSTA RICAN GENERAL SALES TAX IS NOW 7 PERCENT. NOTE THAT SELECTIVE CONSUMER TAXES APPLY TO IMPORTED AS WELL AS LOCALLY AND CACM-PRODUCED GOODS. IN ADDITION, MENTION SHOULD BE MADE OF PRODUCTS WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO TEMPORARY IMPORT SURCHARGES. (SEE SAN JOSE 0069 AND A-2 OF JANUARY 8, 1976 FOR DETAILED EXPLANATION).

2. OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE IS 8.54 COLONES TO THE U.S. DOLLAR.

3. SUGGEST THAT EITHER "INVESTMENT IN CACM" OR "NON-TARIFF IMPORT CONTROLS (EXCHANGE CONTROLS)" SECTION CONTAIN EXPLANATION THAT INVESTMENTS OR LOANS IN HARD CURRENCY IN COSTA RICA SHOULD BE REGISTERED WITH CENTRAL BANK IN ORDER TO ASSURE ACCESS TO CENTRAL BANK FOREIGN EXCHANGE FACILITY FOR REPATRIATION OF PROFITS, INTEREST, PRINCIPAL, ETC. IN HARD CURRENCY.

4. UNDER CONSULAR FEES SECTION, LEGALIZATION OF GENERAL POWER IS \$25; REGISTRATION OF TRADEMARKS
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OR NEW PRODUCT IS \$20. NO CHANGE IN OTHER FEES IN LIST

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